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BILLY NUNGESSER

2021 Annual Report



VOLUNTEER
LOUISIANA



**BILLY NUNGESSER,
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

The Volunteer Louisiana Commission continues to be a strong asset in our state. Every day, I hear about the impact that volunteers and AmeriCorps members have in communities across Louisiana. We've faced many challenges these last few years, but AmeriCorps members and volunteers build resiliency and keep us Louisiana Strong. I am proud of the great work and dedication of the Volunteer Louisiana staff, AmeriCorps members, and our thousands of volunteers.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

2021 was another year of extraordinary challenges that tested our collective resiliency. The COVID-19 global pandemic stretched into its second year, new viral variants pushed the limits of our healthcare, education, and economic infrastructure, and, on the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Ida wreaked havoc on southeast Louisiana. Despite these challenges, Louisianans came together once again to serve their neighbors and communities; as AmeriCorps members, as donors, and as volunteers. I am proud of Volunteer Louisiana's role in supporting these efforts; training Community Emergency Response Teams, coordinating unaffiliated volunteers and unsolicited donations, and helping AmeriCorps programs adapt and respond to ever-changing conditions on the ground. We remain committed to helping meet the needs of Louisiana's citizens and look forward to brighter days in the year ahead.



**JUDD JEANSONNE,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

COMMISSION CHAIR MESSAGE

2021 was another uneven year for all of us. Every time we thought we were moving past one crisis we met another. There is no end to the gratitude and joy I extend to the AmeriCorps members and volunteers throughout the State of Louisiana. As the national trend is down in numbers for AmeriCorps, Louisiana upholds a long tradition of great numbers in volunteerism. There has always been a need for more support in public schools, but the calling has been stronger and more urgent during Covid. It has been an all-hands-on-deck for two years running in education and those Corps Members that are working in schools are a gift to those they are teaching and working with on a daily basis. We also have great AmeriCorps Members serving in higher education, disaster relief, direct community service, housing and assistive construction, environmental initiatives, and after-school programming. All of what our AmeriCorps programs provide to this state is vital, necessary, and appreciated. When the history of this time is written let them speak of the amazing people that gave of their time and themselves to their fellow Louisianians. We see you and thank you for your service.



**KYLE WEDBERG, CHAIR
VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA
COMMISSION**

OVERVIEW

VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA

Volunteer Louisiana, the state service commission in the Office of Lieutenant Governor, was established in 1993 under the National and Community Service Trust Act.

Volunteer Louisiana's mission is to help meet the needs of Louisiana's citizens through volunteerism and national service by focusing on three main strategies identified in the 2019-2022 State Service Plan:

- **Goal One:** Promote national service in Louisiana and develop a high-quality, diverse portfolio of AmeriCorps subgrantees
- **Goal Two:** Maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of volunteers in times of disaster
- **Goal Three:** Build a culture of service and volunteerism in Louisiana

Volunteer Louisiana is supported by grants from AmeriCorps, a federal agency, as well as State funding and in-kind contributions.

Source of Funding

Federal Funds:

AmeriCorps State Operating Grants	\$5,078,600
Segal Educational Awards:	\$4,061,843
Commission Support Grant	\$290,795
Commission Investment Fund	\$252,316
Volunteer Generation Fund	\$227,283

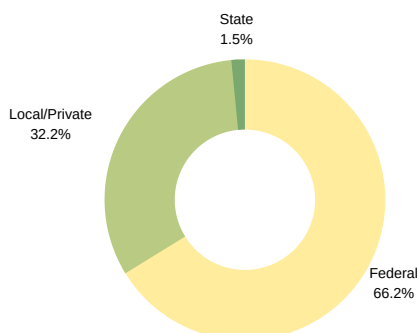
Total Federal Funds \$9,910,837

Local and Private Funds:

AmeriCorps State Program Match	\$4,824,605
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State Funds:

State General Funds	\$107,726
State Inter-Agency Transfer	\$123,775
Total State Funds	\$231,501



Other National Service in Louisiana

Federal Funds:

AmeriCorps National Grants/NCCC	\$1,229,035
AmeriCorps VISTA	\$1,136,316
Senior Corps	\$4,550,009
Segal Education Awards	\$4,118,135

Total Federal Funds \$11,033,495

Local and Private Funds:

AmeriCorps National, VISTA, Senior Corps Program Match	\$11,431,936
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State Funds: \$0

OVERVIEW

NATIONAL SERVICE

The footprint of national service extends beyond our AmeriCorps State Programs. Since 1994, more than **180,000** Louisiana residents have served approximately **22 million hours** through AmeriCorps.

From January 15, 2020, to January 13, 2021, **4,354** AmeriCorps members and volunteers served **593** service locations across Louisiana.

AmeriCorps Programs:

- **228 AmeriCorps National** members completed **26** projects at **57** service locations
 - **298 AmeriCorps NCCC** members completed **32** projects at **32** service locations
 - **117 AmeriCorps VISTA** members completed **18** projects at **38** service locations
- Totaling **1,315** participants, **92** completed projects, and **284** service sites

AmeriCorps Senior Programs:

- **609 Foster Grandparents** completed **9** projects at **166** service locations
 - **2,202 RSVP volunteers** completed **6** projects at **134** service locations
 - **228 Senior Companion Programs** participants completed **4** projects at **9** service locations
- Totaling **3,039** participants, **19** completed projects, and **309** service sites



OVERVIEW

BIPARTISAN SUPPORT

Volunteer Louisiana is proud of the bipartisan support for volunteerism and national service at every level of government in Louisiana. In an era so often defined by political conflict, service is something that brings Americans together to strengthen our communities and shows that what unites us is much stronger than what divides us.

- **Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser** has been a champion for national service statewide and nationally through the National Lieutenant Governor's Association.
- **Senator Bill Cassidy** serves as the Senate co-chair for the National Service Caucus. He is also a co-sponsor of the Segal Award Tax Relief Act and the CORPS Act.
- **Representative Garret Graves** and **Senator John Kennedy** are members of the National Service Caucus.



Lt. Governor Nungesser at a CERT training in Livingston - 2021.



Senator Cassidy at a National Service Meeting - 2019

VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA STATE SERVICE AND STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL ONE:
Promote national service in Louisiana and develop a high-quality, diverse portfolio of AmeriCorps subgrantees.

For the **2020-2021 program year**, Volunteer Louisiana managed **1,174** AmeriCorps State members serving in **16** programs across **35** parishes.

AmeriCorps State members:

- Served **13,132** K-12 students throughout Louisiana
- Served **2,269** veterans and their families
- Transitioned **37** economically disadvantaged individuals into safe and affordable housing
- Increased financial literacy for **50** individuals
- Improved **3,304** acres of Louisiana parks/lands
- Improved **16.74** miles of Louisiana waterway
- Provided access to healthcare for **332** Louisianans
- Increased disaster readiness for **370** individuals
- Increased food security for **250** Louisiana residents



AMERICORPS STATE PROGRAMS



American Youthworks - Louisiana Conservation Corps: AmeriCorps members provide disaster relief, coastal restoration, and conservation of public land services across Louisiana.



Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana: AmeriCorps members provide programming and activities to improve academic engagement or social-emotional skills and address childhood obesity to at risk youth through education-based, health-related activities and mentoring during the school year and summer months in four parishes: Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry and Vermilion.



Boys & Girls Club of Greater Baton Rouge: AmeriCorps members provide programming and activities to enable young people to reach their full potential as productive citizens through after school and summertime education-based and mentoring activities to at-risk children. Members are serving virtually in elementary and middle schools.



Boys & Girls Clubs of North Louisiana: AmeriCorps members improve educational and behavioral outcomes of students in low achieving elementary and middle schools by assisting in preparation for and prospects for success in post-secondary education institutions for economically disadvantaged students in the north central Louisiana area.



AMERICORPS STATE PROGRAMS



City Year Baton Rouge: AmeriCorps members provide one-on-one support to students in 10 Baton Rouge public schools. Members help students improve their attendance, lead school-wide events, provide after school programming, and lead individual and small group tutoring sessions for students in Math and English Language Arts.



City Year New Orleans: AmeriCorps members provide in-class and after-school support to academically challenged students in New Orleans, giving them the extra resources they need to get back on track in school.



Impact Lake Charles: AmeriCorps members provide health and safety programming to students and parents in public schools and throughout Lake Charles to raise awareness, build skills, and develop best practices.



Louisiana Vet Corps: AmeriCorps members serve as peer mentors to veterans and military families in colleges and universities across Louisiana. Members connect veterans to Louisiana Department of Veteran's Affairs veterans' assistance programs and training faculty and connect members to LDVA staff and community members.



AMERICORPS STATE PROGRAMS



Rebuilding Together New Orleans: AmeriCorps members engage in 40 home repair projects in the New Orleans area, transitioning 60 homeowners to safer and healthier housing conditions, and processing 200 new client applications.



Relay Graduate School of Education: Members serve historically marginalized students in New Orleans, helping to increase academic performance for K-12 students.



Serve Louisiana: AmeriCorps members provide capacity building services in Southeast Louisiana to increase the effectiveness of their partner organizations that serve local children, families, and communities in Baton Rouge and New Orleans.



ShreveCorps: AmeriCorps members cultivate community gardens at schools and community centers in food desert neighborhoods in Shreveport. Members also participate in Naomi's Urban Farm, a hunger and poverty alleviation program.



AMERICORPS STATE PROGRAMS



Synergy, Education & Environment West Monroe: AmeriCorps members provide after-school homework assistance and enrichment activities to students in grades 1-3 during the school year and implement a summer youth program at the West Monroe Community Center.



Teach for America: AmeriCorps members are full time teachers who promote academic growth for students, engage as volunteers leaders within their schools and communities, and engage parents and community members as volunteers.



University of Lafayette AmeriCorps: AmeriCorps members engage in environmental stewardship through native plant restoration, invasive species removal, and other green infrastructure projects and engage with the community on the importance of environmental sustainability.



Up2Us Sports: AmeriCorps members target the childhood obesity epidemic by serving as sports-based youth development coaches for approximately 1,190 children living in under-served New Orleans neighborhoods.



AMERICORPS

HURRICANE IDA RESPONSE



City Year New Orleans Corps members, **Whitney, Diamond, and Kamri**, volunteered at a local school with debris cleanup following Hurricane Ida.

Serve Louisiana partnered with the **Louisiana Bucket Brigade** in October to complete a service day as a team in **St. James Parish**.



Rebuilding Together New Orleans was vital in the recovery process following Hurricane Ida. They were quick to gather Corps members and volunteers to begin working on Ida projects. They also partnered with **AmeriCorps NCCC** teams to help muck and gut homes and extended their services to LaPlace, LA. By **October 11**, they completed **50** home projects post-Ida, which is the average amount they typically complete in a year.



AMERICORPS

HURRICANE IDA RESPONSE

Several AmeriCorps NCCC deployed to Louisiana in August, just days after Ida's landfall.

AmeriCorps NCCC **FEMA** teams were the first Corps members on the ground after Ida. **Jade 5** continued these canvassing efforts in the impacted areas through October.



Two other **AmeriCorps NCCC** teams served in Louisiana following Hurricane Ida. These Corps members distributed food and helped with muck and gutting with the **Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank** and our AmeriCorps State Program, **Rebuilding Together New Orleans**.

In addition, **River 5** served in **Hammond, LA** in November with the **Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders** to help repair homes damaged by Hurricane Ida. The team helped remove debris and trees, muck houses, and tarp roofs.



DISASTER SERVICES

VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA STATE SERVICE AND STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL TWO: Maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of volunteers in times of disaster.

In 2021, Volunteer Louisiana:

- Developed a comprehensive communications plan for disaster-related volunteerism. Volunteer Louisiana filmed five videos with local Grammy Award nominee Sean Ardoin and Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser encouraging Louisiana residents to prepare for hurricane season and sign up to volunteer at **VolunteerLouisiana.gov**
- Cultivated strategic relationships with Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD), non-profit organizations, and emergency officials to improve pre-event preparedness
- Supported and promoted multiple emergency volunteer trainings and the development of Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) statewide
- Worked with VOADs, non-profit organizations, and emergency officials post-event to coordinate unaffiliated volunteers and unsolicited donations. Over 1,700 volunteers received daily updates about volunteer opportunities with 34 organizations after Hurricane Ida
- Represented the Office of the Lt. Governor at long-term recovery meetings in parishes and regions impacted by Hurricane Ida



DISASTER SERVICES

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) is a program that educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT volunteers form local teams that increase the capacity of emergency management officials.

In 2021, **528** volunteers completed basic Community Emergency Response Team training in disaster service topics. These newly trained volunteers come from over 64 cities across Louisiana. With the addition of these new volunteers, Volunteer Louisiana has now trained **964** people statewide, resulting in **8,371** hours of volunteer training over three years.



DISASTER SERVICES

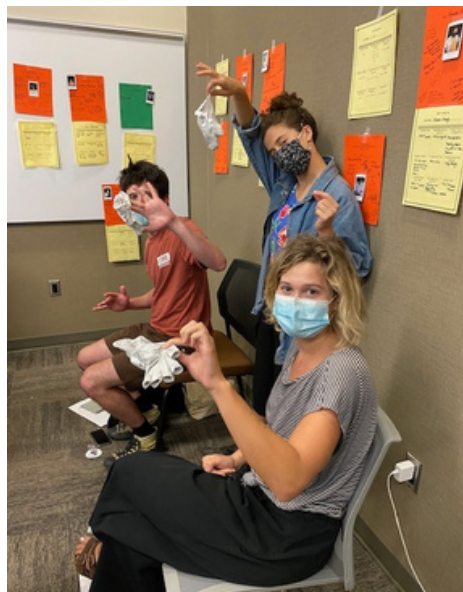
After a year of hybrid CERT trainings, Volunteer Louisiana resumed in-person trainings in 2021. This year saw the expansion of TEEN CERT, the creation of the only Prison CERT in the United States, and the introduction of CERT to AmeriCorps programs.

In the Summer of 2021, Volunteer Louisiana grew **Teen CERT** by partnering with the **Louisiana National Guard Child and Youth Program** to train **150** campers in disaster preparedness through a zombie apocalypse activity.

In July, Volunteer Louisiana hosted a two-day CERT training at the **Angola Prison**, starting the **only CERT team** on the grounds of a prison in the United States. Angola Prison houses approximately **200** families and other resources. Its remote location poses a challenge following disasters, so this new CERT team will now be a vital resource for them during emergencies.

The Fall of 2021, gave Volunteer Louisiana the opportunity to partner with one of their AmeriCorps State Programs, **Serve Louisiana**. During Serve Louisiana's new-member orientation, Volunteer Louisiana staff members presented an overview of the eight basic CERT training units.

Before wrapping up the year, staff members Amanda Smith and Heather Mazeitis-Fontenot received training on the **Mississippi State University** "My Preparedness Initiative," in preparation for the expansion of Teen CERT in 2022.



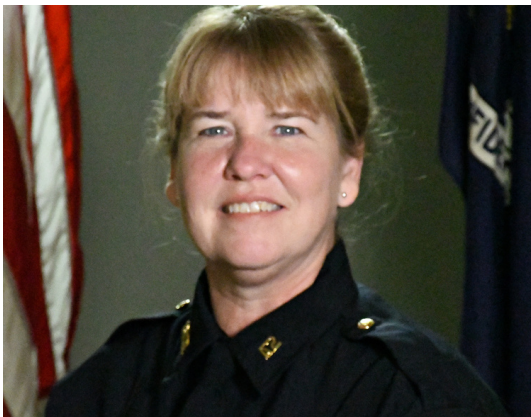
DISASTER SERVICES

NATIONAL CERT

This year, our Disaster Services Specialist and the State CERT Coordinator for Louisiana, Amanda Smith, represented our state at the National CERT Association (NCA) Conference. At the conference, she helped present the **NCA's National Preparing the Whole Community Award** to **Travis Tharp**, the Livingston Parish's CERT Leader.



The **2021 FEMA Region 6 Community Preparedness Awards for Louisiana** winners are **Kelly Davis**, who won the **Preparing the Whole Community Award**, and **Kevin Gebhart** for the **Excellent Service During COVID-19 Award**.



DISASTER SERVICES

HURRICANE IDA

Volunteer Louisiana played an active role in connecting volunteers to volunteer opportunities through our Volunteer Management Database. Our office sent daily emails after the storm to more than **1,700** volunteers in our database. During the peak time of our Ida messaging (August to October) over **850** new volunteers signed up with our database to find and receive information about current ways to help with Hurricane Ida recovery. After Ida made landfall, Volunteer Louisiana provided public communication and shared volunteer needs for over **34** Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) on the ground through over **60** hurricane-related posts from August to December.

In addition to coordinating volunteers, Volunteer Louisiana participated in a new role this hurricane season through event coordination. Following Hurricane Ida, organizations including the **Mississippi Department of Corrections** (DOC) and **Lowe's Home Improvement** partnered with our office to coordinate, recruit, and promote Hurricane Ida recovery events. Volunteer Louisiana coordinated a **14 store** distribution event for Lowe's and helped Mississippi DOC coordinate a feeding and supplies distribution event in Jean Lafitte.



DISASTER SERVICES

HURRICANE IDA CERT RESPONSE



CERT teams were some of the first responders to Ida throughout Louisiana. CERT teams were active in all forms of recovery from feeding operations to sheltering to debris removal.

- **West Feliciana** CERT assisted with **donation collections** and **tree and debris removal** in the lower parishes. In Hammond, West Feliciana CERT **assisted with feeding operations**
- **East Feliciana** CERT **provided communication support** for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and **operated the Point of Distribution (POD) sites** for donations and meals
- **Denham Springs/Livingston** CERT provided EOC call center support, **opened and operated the parish's shelter of last resort**, and operated the POD sites for donations and meals
- **Iberia Parish** CERT was active with feeding, donation collection, distribution, and debris cleanup. They **partnered with Mercy Chefs** in Metairie and **helped distribute supplies** from three 18-wheelers to the lower parishes



Four CERT teams served in the Greater **Baton Rouge** area to help at the **Lowe's Distribution event**. CERT members distributed dozens of cleaning supplies to Louisianans impacted by the storm.

VOLUNTEERISM

VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA STATE SERVICE AND STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL THREE: Build a culture of service and volunteerism in Louisiana.

In 2021, Volunteer Louisiana:

- Promoted and supported **VolunteerLouisiana.gov** as the statewide hub for connecting volunteers with volunteer organizations and opportunities.
- Promoted and supported Volunteer Louisiana-determined recognition and awards; Champions of Service and Louisiana Volunteer Service Award
- Promoted and supported the Louisiana Department of Education's Community Service Diploma Endorsement
- Promoted and supported national days of service such as MLK Day, National Volunteer Week, 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance, as well as other volunteer initiatives.



VOLUNTEERISM

The Champions of Service Awards

Annually, Volunteer Louisiana recognizes any person, group, or business that has made an outstanding contribution to their community. One Champion of Service is selected from each of seven geographic regions throughout the state, along with an AmeriCorps champion, Senior Corps champion, and corporate volunteer champion. This year, we added an additional geographic region to our awards, creating the Central Louisiana Award!

Throughout the month of May, Volunteer Louisiana traveled to each parish to present the Champions of Service award to all ten winners.



VOLUNTEERISM

The 2021 Champions of Service Winners



Ashini Modi – Northwest Champion Ashini Modi's volunteerism began in fourth grade. After reading to a child at a local shelter, she was inspired to start her own nonprofit called Reading Rainforest. Through this program, she's donated 5,000 books to create free libraries at five shelters. In the past 7 years, she's expanded this original idea to incorporate STEM.



Aisha Stewart – Greater New Orleans Champion Aisha found herself with a lot of free time on her hands when Covid-19 began. She chose to use that extra time to give back. She volunteered with HandsOn New Orleans Serve Our Seniors. Each week she delivered meals to seniors on her bike, and soon began volunteering with two or three organizations at a time.



Layne McDaniel – Capital Area Champion Layne McDaniel has a passion for youth development - specifically helping youth with financial literacy. For several years, he's served with Junior Achievement, including as the Chair of the Board of Directors. He mentored students through the Trust Your Crazy Idea competition and even helped them build a prototype of their Bluetooth Pillow.



Brooke Foy – Northeast Champion Brooke Foy is an active volunteer in her community. She's often found leading art workshops and various festivals and events. One of her recent initiatives was *Herons on the Bayou*, where she created and installed 87 public sculptures. The herons, like many of Brooke's projects, are part of a larger mission. Her goal is to help the city grow for years to come by encouraging tourists to visit West Monroe and stay a little bit longer.

VOLUNTEERISM

The 2021 Champions of Service Winners



Tommy Little – Southwest Champion Tommy Little is a year-round volunteer, engaged in a wide variety of service activities benefitting residents of Southwest Louisiana. Shortly after the start of the pandemic, the local senior center’s Food for Seniors program and the Seniors Bingo were in jeopardy. Tommy found a solution. He partnered with the city and Sulphur Fire Chief to create parking-lot bingo – a safe, outdoor alternative so seniors could still socialize. In addition, he sourced the necessary PPE to create a drive-thru food distribution for the Food for Seniors Program.



Nathan Richard - Southeast Champion of Service Nathan Richard is known by many as the King of Louisiana Seafood and the King of Great American Seafood, but he is a champion of service because of his work as a volunteer firefighter. Nathan has volunteered for 20 years as a first responder with the Thibodaux Volunteer Fire Department. He is a founding member of the First Responders Relief Team, created in 2018 after Hurricane Michael, to assist police and firefighters from across the Gulf Coast.



Joshua Varise – AmeriCorps Champion Joshua Varise served two terms with City Year Baton Rouge at Melrose Elementary school – the same school Josh attended as a child. As a Corps member, he supported students in English and math, encouraged daily attendance, and assisted anyone in need of Social-Emotional Support. His team describes him as a cheerleader, always finding a way to lift people’s spirits, especially during the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Mary Pea – Senior Corps Champion Mary Pea serves as Foster Grandparent with the University of Louisiana - Monroe. As a Senior Corps volunteer, Mary provides one-on-one support to children to improve their academic, social, and emotional development. Mary not only excels as a Foster Grandparent but goes above and beyond her duties - always helping at Senior Corps events.

The 2021 Champions of Service Winners



Laura Strahan – Central Louisiana Champion of Service Laura Strahan participated in 4-H as a student, but she didn't know at the time that this experience would be the foundation for over 30 years of service. Laura, now a School Leader with the Natchitoches Parish 4-H, uses 4-H as a vehicle to teach leadership and communication skills and to ensure they have opportunities they may otherwise not have had. When COVID threatened to suspend 4-H activities, Laura convinced her school principal to allow 4-H meetings to continue and ensured PPE was available to meet safety protocols.



Origin Bank – The Corporate Champion of Service Origin Bank is a Louisiana-based company that has expanded to a regional footprint in Texas and Mississippi. Their core purpose is to enrich the lives of people in local communities, and they take that very seriously through their flagship employee volunteer program called Project Enrich. This program enables Origin Bank staff to make a hands-on difference in their communities. Each employee is granted 20 hours of paid time off to serve with an organization of their choosing to help encourage individual volunteerism. Since 2013, Project Enrich volunteers have served at over 100 partner organizations.

VOLUNTEERISM

Volunteer Louisiana continues to support and promote volunteerism throughout the state.

VolunteerLouisiana.gov is a one-stop shop that connects volunteers with volunteer organizations. Volunteer Louisiana also provides opportunities to recognize volunteers from the local level with the **Louisiana Volunteer Service Award** and state-wide recognition with the annual **Champions of Service Awards**. In collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Education, Volunteer Louisiana also helps promote youth volunteering through the **Community Service Diploma Endorsement**.



In 2021, Volunteer Louisiana distributed **600** Louisiana Volunteer Service Awards across the state. Due to COVID and Louisiana schools closing and schools working virtually we do not have Diploma Endorsement numbers for the 2020-2021 academic year.



In September, **Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser** and our Executive Director, Judd Jeansonne, spoke to the students of the **Louisiana Special School District** about volunteering and the **Community Diploma Endorsement Award**.

VOLUNTEERISM

MLK DAY OF SERVICE

Every year, our **AmeriCorps State Programs** gather together and invite their communities to serve on MLK Day, and 2021 was no different. Though COVID-19 still presented challenges, programs like City Year New Orleans, found a way to engage volunteers in a safe environment.

City Year New Orleans AmeriCorps members and over **300** local volunteers joined together in a city-wide cleanup day.



VOLUNTEERISM

9/11 DAY OF SERVICE

9/11 Day is an important National Day of Service and Remembrance every year for Volunteer Louisiana and National Service organizations throughout the United States. This year, the 9/11 Day of Service took place just two weeks following Hurricane Ida's landfall. Our team spent the day visiting volunteer organizations and their volunteer teams serving in Houma, LA.

Two of the organizations we met with were **Operation Blessing** and **Samaritan's Purse**. Both organizations were actively removing debris and beginning muck and gutting for people in the area. At the time, both had over **400 requests** from residents needing assistance.



VOLUNTEERISM

STATE PARKS

In 2021, Volunteer Louisiana partnered with fellow Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism agency, **Louisiana State Parks**!

After hearing about the need for volunteers to serve as reenactors at Port Hudson State Historic Site, our office brought Louisiana State Parks into our Volunteer Management Database.

Now all volunteer opportunities at the state parks and historic sites across Louisiana are listed on our website, and we've engaged residents to volunteer at these sites.

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Louisiana State Parks

www.volunteerlouisiana.gov

VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA COMMISSIONERS

The Volunteer Louisiana Commission consists of leaders from across the state who share an interest in volunteering and national service. They are the funding and decision-making body for AmeriCorps and other national service and volunteer initiatives in Louisiana. The Commission meets quarterly in Baton Rouge and Commissioners represent Volunteer Louisiana in their local communities.



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VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA STAFF

In 2021, Volunteer Louisiana welcomed two new staff members, **Lori Pilley**, Director of Volunteer Services, and **Heather Mazeitis-Fontenot**, Disaster Services Specialist.



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Executive Director



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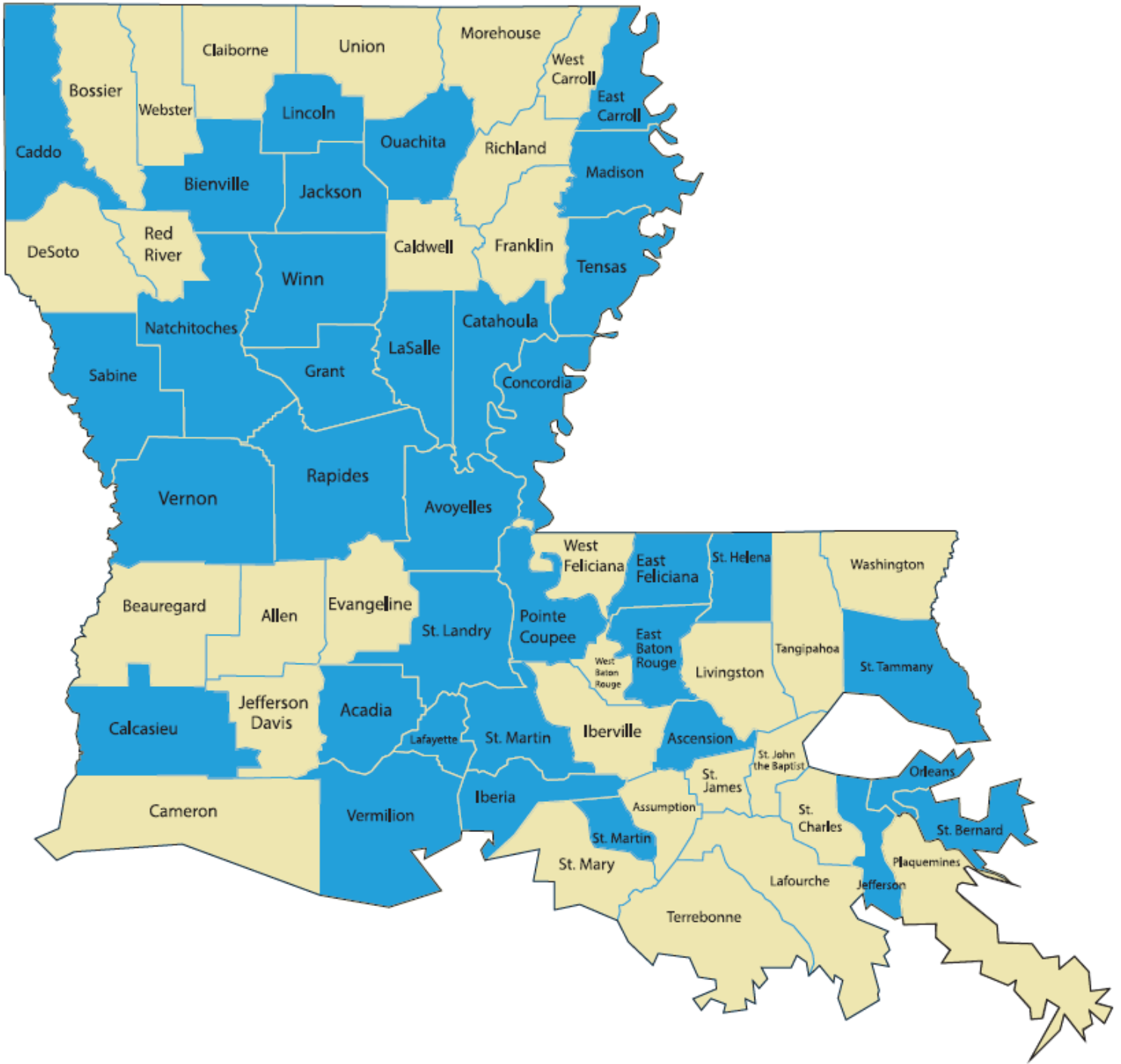
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The blue parishes represent where AmeriCorps State Programs served during the 2021 service year.



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